

\*\*\*\*\*April 12, 2021\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on April 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss  
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Vicki Anderson  
Councilmember Andrew Gardner  
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White  
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the March 8, 2021 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the March 22, 2021 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Bill Sonnenburg, Ohio Avenue, stated that he has determined that all properties contiguous to 405 Georgia are on the Waste Water Treatment Authority (WWTA) sewer system. He asked the Town to urge new property owners to connect to the sewer system. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that the Hamilton County Ground Water Protection Agency (HCGWPA) is the septic authority and that WWTA is the sewer authority. Mr. Veal said that the proposed new parcel was approved for a septic system by the HCGWPA.

There being no further requests, the meeting proceeded.

### **Update**

#### **Old Town Sidewalk Project**

Public Works Director, Loretta Hopper, and ASA Engineer, Chris Davis, informed the Council that they anticipate plans to be completed for the project by the end of April. Mr. Davies explained that one of the concerns is that the current sidewalk plans exceed the available budget. He said

the current concept is \$1.8M and the budget is \$1.2M. Councilmember Gardner asked what the Town's costs are for this project. Ms. Hopper said that the project is partially funded with a grant with the Town required to provide a 20% match. However, Mr. Veal said that any costs over the \$1.2M budget are 100% paid by the Town.

### Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR PLANNING STAFFING SERVICES IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$15,350.00) PER YEAR."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) WHICH WILL RESULT IN PAYMENT FOR EQUIPMENT, AND OVERTIME TO BE PROVIDED AS A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE SPEEDING, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, AND NON-SEATBELT USAGE FOR CHILDREN AND PASSENGERS WITHIN MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWN. "

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR THE WATER UTILITY DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT WORTH UP TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) WHICH WILL BE USED FOR A WATER LOSS STUDY AND WATER UTILITY SYSTEM MAPPING, AND AUTHORIZING A FIVE PERCENT (5%) MATCH AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

### **Ordinances**

- a. “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-1101 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE TO GIVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER THE POWER TO HEAR VIOLATIONS OF LOCALLY ADOPTED ZONING CODES.”

Council had discussions about how this position would be filled. They asked Mr. Veal to seek applications prior to the next meeting.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Mayor Poss seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

### **Discussion**

- a. Change to Recreation Board Ordinance. Council had some discussion about the criteria to be used to select Board members, including whether a non-profit status is appropriate.
- b. TOSHA Program Plan and Ordinance. Mr. Veal provided the Council with a draft of the proposed Ordinance to update the Occupational Safety and Health Plan (Program Plan).
- c. Administrative Hearing Officer. Council deferred discussion and requested this item be on the next regular agenda.
- b. Website/Email Upgrades. Council requested that staff investigate the option of Google e-mail accounts. Mr. Veal said staff will have more information at the next meeting.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal reported that he recently attended training provided by the City Managers Association. He said they provided a legislative update of items on the Legislative Calendar.

Mr. Veal said he has been working on the upcoming proposed budget. He offered to sit with each Council member to discuss the budget review and adoption process.

Mr. Veal said he has received revised plans for the TDOT 127 project. He said he hopes that means things are moving along.

Mr. Veal said he has been looking into the best way to handle charrettes to seek solutions to parking concerns around the Rainbow Lake area.

**Other Business**

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. Mayor Poss announced that the Town Hall is now open.
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. Councilmember Landrum said that the Tree Board gave out all of their trees last week. Mayor Poss said the BZA had met and that the Planning Commission had cancelled their meeting and will soon reschedule.
- c. Other. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



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Charles Poss, Mayor



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Recorder